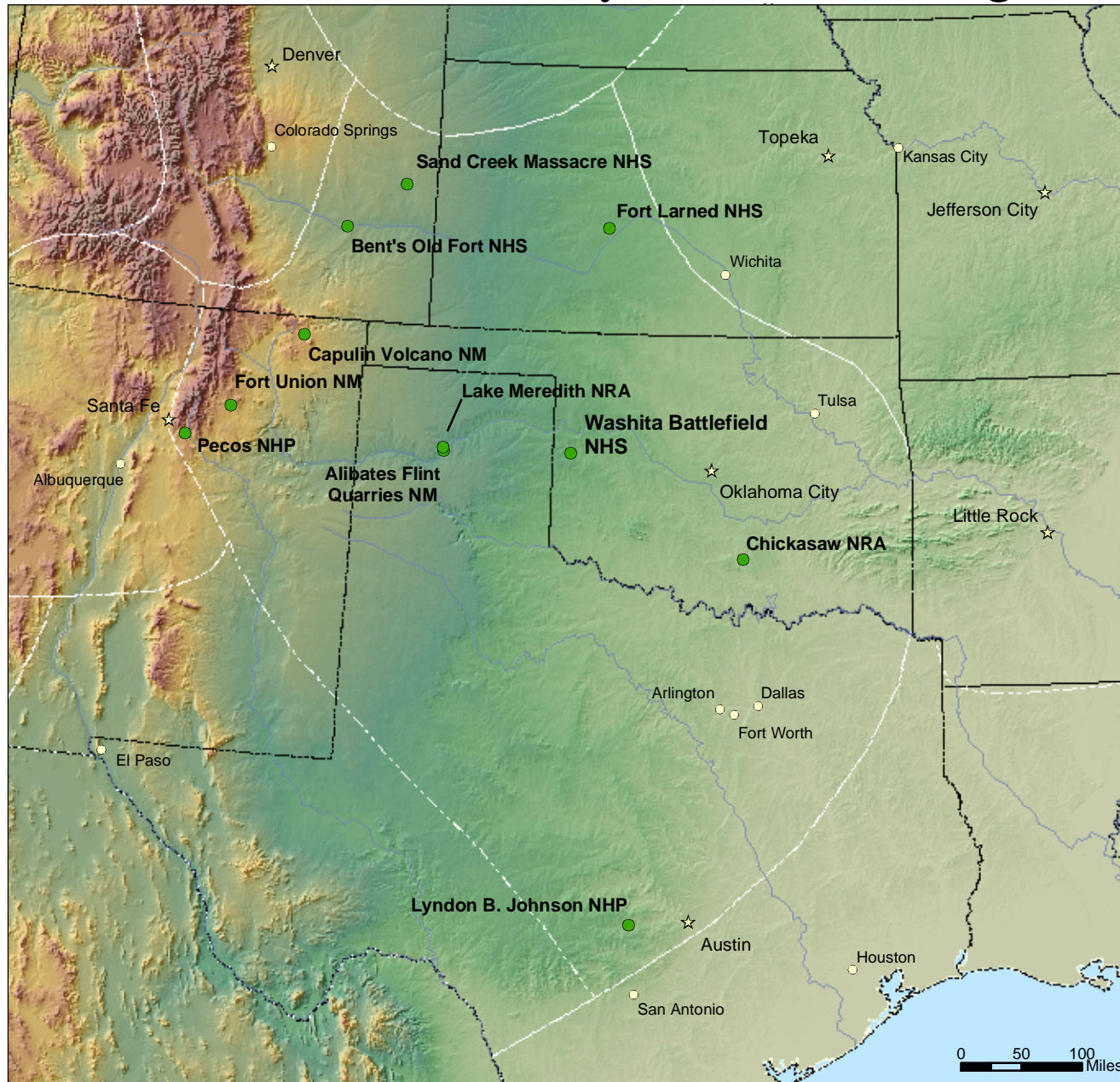




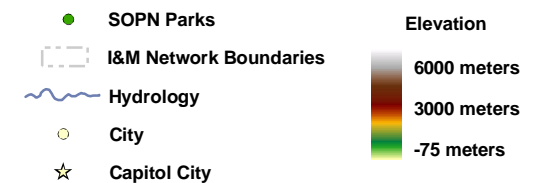
Southern Plains Inventory and Monitoring Network



About the Southern Plains I&M Network

The Southern Plains Inventory and Monitoring Network (SOPN) consists of eleven widely separated NPS units in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. The parks range in size from 326 acres at Washita Battlefield NHS to 46,349 acres at Lake Meredith NRA. The SOPN is located in the mixed grass and short grass prairie ecosystems that provides habitat for many rare species including black-tailed prairie dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*), ferruginous hawks (*Buteo regalis*), burrowing owls (*Athene cunicularia*), mountain plovers (*Charadrius montanus*), swift foxes (*Vulpes velox*), black-footed ferrets (*Mustella nigripes*), Arkansas river shiners (*Notropis girardi*), bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and prairie chickens (*Tympanuchus spp.*). These parks, while primarily established to preserve cultural resources, also serve to protect significant natural resources in a vast landscape dominated by agriculture.

Legend



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